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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



1970

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1970.



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Urban District Council Offices,
Kilwardby Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

August, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your attention and consideration the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1970, concerning the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the area. So far as possible it follows the lines indicated in Circular 1/71, dated 1st January, 1971, from the Department of Health and Social Security.

I have to thank all the members of your staff with whom I have come in contact for their co-operation at all times, and especially your Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. Wynne, and the other members of the Public Health Department. The members of the Council themselves have invariably shown me every consideration and it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to acknowledge that fact.

Your Obedient Servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON

Medical Officer of Health

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General Statistics and
Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres)	5,985
Population (Registrar-General's estimate to mid. 1970)	8,040
Number of occupied houses	2,872
Number of occupied Council houses	700
Rateable Value (at 1st. April, 1970)	£341,734
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,426
Comparability factor - Births	1.00
- Deaths	1.08

Vital Statistics

	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u> <u>1970</u> <u>Provisional</u>	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1969</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	48	45	93
Illegitimate	5	4	9
	<u>53</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>102</u>
	102		132
Crude live birth rate per 1,000 population	12.7	16.0	16.5
Adjusted live birth rate per 1,000 population	12.7	16.0	16.5
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	.79	1.00	1.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	9	8	5

Still Births

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	3
				0
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	29	13	0	

Total Live and Still Births

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	49	47	96	
Illegitimate	5	4	9	
	<u>54</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>105</u>	105
				-
				132

Urban
District
1970

England and
Wales
1970

A.U.D.
1969

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	2	0

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	20	18	0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	22	17	0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	26	0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	2	0

Neo-natal Mortality Rate

Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births	20	12	0
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Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	2	0

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births	20	11	0
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Peri-natal etc., as overleaf

	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>A.U.D.</u> <u>1969</u>
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate</u>			
Deaths under one week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births	48	23	0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0	0

Deaths

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
	35	35	70	70	83
Crude death rate per 1,000 population				8.7	11.7
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population				9.4	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate				.80	1.00

The estimated population at the middle of the year shows an increase of 30 on last year's figure.

30 fewer babies were born to Ashby residents than in 1969, and the birth rate of 12.7 was appreciably lower than that for England and Wales (16.0) and for Ashby in 1969 (16.5).

The percentage of illegitimate live births was 9, that for England and Wales was 8, and that for Ashby in 1969 was 5.

Last year there were no stillbirths, this year 3 were registered.

Last year no deaths of infants under one year were registered, this year 2 were registered (one due to congenital abnormality and the other to prematurity - both as a matter of fact occurred in the first week of life). The infantile mortality rate was 20, 18 for England and Wales, whilst for Ashby in 1969 it was nil.

We are dealing with small numbers and one death or birth more or less makes an appreciable difference in the particular rate being calculated.

There were 13 fewer deaths than in 1969 - the death rate for 1970 being 9.4 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales as a whole, and 10.9 for Ashby in 1969.

	M	F	TOTAL ALL CAUSES
B32 Pneumonia	2	-	-
B46(7) Other Diseases of - Respiratory System	1	-	-
B36 Intestinal Obstruction - and Hernia	1	-	-
B42 Congenital Anomalies	1	-	-
B44 Other Causes of - Perinatal Mortality	1	-	-
BE48 All ther Accidents	1	-	-
BE49 Suicide & Self- inflicted Injuries	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	35	1	36

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970

[illegible]

General Provision of Health Services

No change has taken place in the General Provision of Health Services since my last report, but it is understood that a Health Centre is likely to be built by the County Council within the near future.

Meals on Wheels

17 visits, involving 18 persons, were paid in connection with the above service which has continued to function satisfactorily.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951.

No formal action has been necessary under the above.

Examination of Employees

Three applicants for employment with your Council were examined with regard to their fitness to join the superannuation scheme, one was examined on behalf of another Authority, and one of your employees was examined with respect to his fitness for employment generally.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

6 cases of infectious disease were notified with an age and sex distribution as below.

There were 5 cases of measles and one case of infective hepatitis.

No cases of tuberculosis were notified, and there were no deaths from this disease.

Age	Measles	
	M.	F.
Under 1 Yr.	1	-
1 - 2 Yrs.	-	-
2 - 3 "	-	-
3 - 4 "	-	-
4 - 5 "	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	3
10 - 14 "	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-
25 & Over	-	-
Unknown	-	-
TOTAL	2	3
	5	

Infective Jaundice		
Age	M.	F.
Under 1 yr.	-	-
1 - 2 yrs.	-	-
2 - 4 "	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	-
10 - 14 "	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-
65 - 74 "	-	-
75 & Over	-	-
Unknown	-	-
TOTAL	1	-
	1	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & HOUSING MANAGER

Council Offices,
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Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

August, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report, a record of the work carried out by the Public Health and Housing Department during 1970.

In presenting this report, I wish to place on record my thanks to all members of the Council for their help and understanding, for the willing help of the staff, and for the help and co-operation given to me by Dr. Hamilton and the other officers of the Council.

F.H. WYNNE

Public Health Inspector
and Housing Manager

Water Supply

Water is distributed in the area by the North West Leicestershire Water Board.

There has been no shortage of water during the year.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and the fluoride content is approximately 0.3 parts per million.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district are as follows:-

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	2,909
Population (estimated)	8,011

Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	2
Population (estimated)	4

Well Water Supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	11
Population (estimated)	25

Five samples of mains water were taken for bacteriological examination. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Twenty-one samples of well water were taken for bacteriological examination. Twelve samples were found to be satisfactory.

All persons using well water of doubtful quality were warned they must boil the water before it is used for domestic purposes.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No of cesspools constructed during the year	2
" " " abolished " " "	nil

The new Packington Sewage Disposal Works were fully operational at the end of the year.

The sewage works are under the control of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

Loilet Accommodation

Total number of houses in district
on 31st December, 1970. 2,922

Number of houses with:-

(a)	Privies	nil
(b)	Pail Closets	4
(c)	Water Closets	2,918

Two pail closets were abolished during the year.

In an attempt to get rid of the few remaining pail closets in the district the Council decided to offer the owners of the remaining houses having pail closets a grant of 50% of the cost of converting to water closets under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936. Unfortunately, only one owner has so far taken advantage of this grant.

Public Cleansing

A weekly refuse collection service was maintained throughout the district except during the Statutory Holidays - a total of six days per year when about 600 householders do not have their refuse collected for 14 days. The refuse collection service has not closed down for annual holidays since 1966.

The number of dustbins collected per week has increased from 3,625 on the 1st January, to 3,684 on the 31st December.

The bulk of the refuse is collected by a Dennis Paxit 111A continuous loading vehicle with a crew of five loaders and driver. The Shelvoke and Drury Lorry is now nine years old and is kept on standby duties and for the collection of refuse and pails in the outlying areas of the Urban District on one day per week.

Trade refuse is collected by arrangement from shops and offices and a charge of £1.00 per year is made for the weekly collection of each bin.

All refuse is disposed of on the tip in Smisby Road which is leased by the Council from the British Transport Commission. Land has been purchased at Lount which will be used jointly as a refuse tip by the Coalville U.D.C., Ashby-de-la-Zouch R.D.C. and Ashby-de-la-Zouch U.D.C. This tip is estimated to have a life of 10 years and should be brought into use in 1971.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received	23
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	17
Number of visits and re-visits made regarding complaints	91

Fourteen informal notices were served under the Public Health Act, 1936. Sixteen notices were complied with.

Particulars of Inspections made

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping	10
Bakehouses	14
Dairies	5
Drainage Works	27
Dwelling-houses	2019
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	5
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	68
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	247
Rodent Control	56
Schools	5
Shops and Offices	20
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	261
Smoke Control	4
Verminous and Dirty Premises	-
Caravans, etc.,	2
Water Supplies	49
Factories and Workshops	7
Other Inspections	<u>196</u>
Total number of inspections -	<u><u>2995</u></u>

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.70.
Offices	29	2	-	1	1	-
Retail Shops	50	3	-	2	2	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	-	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs. open to the public, canteens	8	4	2	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	89	9	2	3	3	-

Due to pressure of other works, progress in the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, continues to be very slow.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of site licences issued during the year.

(a)	Individual vans	..	..	..	nil
(b)	More than 2 vans	..	..	..	nil

Total number of licences issued 5

Verminous Premises

Particulars of action taken:-

Number of dwelling houses found infested..	..	..	nil
Number of houses dis-infested	..	..	nil

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There is one licensed pet shop. Two inspections were made during the year.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises within the area.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A rodent operator is hired from the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council for 8 hours per week.

No major infestations of rats have been found in the area for several years.

No charges are made for treating dwelling houses, but a charge on a time and material basis is made for treating business properties.

The following table gives details of work carried out and visits made.

Properties (not including sewers)

1. (a) Total number of Properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.
- (b) Number infested by:
 - Rats
 - Mice
2. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.
- (b) Number infested by:-
 - Rats
 - Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
74	4
72	4
2	-
-	41
-	-
-	-

Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector - 56
 " " " " Rodent Operator - 273

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

Number in area:-

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	1
	Number of inspections	..	..	..	7

Three samples of swimming pool water were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

During the season the following persons attended the Hood Park Swimming Pool:-

Number of Child Bathers	..	..	..	21,664
Number of Adult Bathers	..	..	..	9,926
Number of Child Spectators	..	..	..	3,096
Number of Adult Spectators	..	..	..	5,160
School Children attending in organised classes	..	..	..	9,349

Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

Two cars were abandoned in the area and were disposed of by the Council.

HOUSING

houses completed during the year

Local Authority	..	..	..	6
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	44

houses in course of erection at end of year

Local Authority	..	..	..	nil
Private Enterprise	117

total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority

..	556
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total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise

..	876
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total number of post war houses completed

..	1432
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Council House Management

The table below gives details of inspections and visits made to Council Houses during the year.

Visits regarding repairs	..	..	..	309
Visits regarding complaints from tenants	..	..	..	43
Visits to work in progress on new estates	..	..	..	19
Visits regarding painting contracts	..	..	..	76
Visits regarding new window contracts	..	..	..	75
Visits to applicants for Council Houses	..	..	..	108
Inspections of vacant Council Houses	..	..	..	35
Inspections of Gardens	..	..	..	694
Other Visits	..	..	..	249

Applicants for Council Houses

Total number of applicants for
Council Houses at end of year 145

Number of applications received
for Council Houses during the
year 59

The table below gives the number of persons on the housing list
since the list was first prepared in 1960. The list does not include
the applicants living outside the district.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Applications for Pensioners' Bungalows (Blackfordby Village)	-	-	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	} 40 39	
Applications for Pensioners' Bungalows (Castle, Holywell & Ivanhoe Wards)	8	14	22	46	40	34	41	26	30		
Applications for Council Houses (Blackfordby Village)	6	6	5	7	4	1	-	-	1	} 59 62	
Applications for Council Houses (Castle, Holywell & Ivanhoe Wards)	48	59	58	64	59	58	63	57	38		
Total number of Applicants	<u>62</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>101</u>

1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970

Applications from
Council House Tenants
for an exchange of
accommodation - - - - 31 29 36 27 24 35 38

Applications for
Bungalows from
Pensioners who are
living in Council
Houses which are
too large for their
needs - - - - 23 22 21 21 20 20 21

Housing Summary

Total number of houses occupied
in district (estimated) 2872

Total number of Council Houses
occupied in district 700

Slum Clearance

The table below gives the progress made in the clearance of unfit
properties in the district since 1960.

	<u>Houses Demolished in Clearance Areas</u>	<u>Individual Unfit Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Houses Closed</u>	<u>Families Re-housed</u>
1960	-	24	4	47
1961	24	8	2	22
1962	20	8	2	19
1963	-	9	1	6
1964	-	4	4	9
1965	-	-	7	9
1966	-	1	11	5
1967	-	11	3	7
1968	14	3	4	12
1969	-	12	1	8
1970	-	1	1	2
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>146</u>

Housing Act, 1969

Standard Grants

Number of applications received from:-

(1)	Owner/occupiers	10
(2)	Owners of rented properties	-

Number of applications approved	10
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Number of applications refused	-
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Number of properties improved during the year	9
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Number of amenities provided:-

Baths	7
Wash-hand Basins	9
Hot water supplies	9
W.Cs.	..	..	..	9

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications received from:-

(1)	Owner-occupiers	3
(2)	Owners of rented properties	2

Number of applications approved	5
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Number of applications refused	-
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Number of properties improved during the year	2
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and retail	..	..	..	..	-
(b) Manufacture only	..	..	..	..	-
(c) Retail only	..	..	..	..	32

Biological Milk Samples

Number of routine samples taken from Producer/Retailers	-	4
Number of satisfactory samples	-	4
Number of samples having evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli	-	0
Number of samples having evidence of Brucella Abortus	-	0

All samples were taken by the Leicestershire County Council.

Meat and Other Foods

Number of licensed Slaughterhouses in area	..	..	..	..	1
Number of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	..	..	3554
Number of animals examined therein	..	..	..	..	3554
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	..	..	10% approx.
Number of knacker yards in area	..	..	..	..	nil
Number of visits to knacker yards	nil

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections	5
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.,

Number of inspections	6
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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1014	4	2	530	2004
Number inspected	1014	4	2	530	2004
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	325	3	-	28	207
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	32.05%	75%	50%	5.28%	10.03%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.39%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Estimated weight of carcasses and organs condemned - 5753 lbs.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

	No. in area	Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises to which Regulation 19 applies	Premises which comply with Regulation 19
Grocers & General Food Shops	29	29	29	29
Butchers' Shops	7	7	7	7
Greengrocers' Shops	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Wet Fish Shops	1	1	1	1
Licensed premises including Off- Licences	22	22	22	22
Bakeries	3	3	3	3
Cafes and Restaurants	8	8	8	8
School Canteens	9	9	9	9
Miscellaneous Premises	2	2	2	2

Number of premises inspected	15
Number of inspections made for the purpose	47
Number of informal notices served	4
Number of informal notices complied with	3
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1970.	1
Number of formal notices served	0

Very little progress has been made with the implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations in food premises due to the pressure of other work.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-
Factories not included in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	7	1
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	6	3	-
Total	<u>55</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u> <u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u> <u>to H.M.</u> <u>Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences	1	1	-
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACTOutworkers

(Sections 133 and 134.)

There are no outworkers in the district.

